

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, UNSC, LE, IS, XF  
SUBJECT: FLAP OVER NORWEGIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM KAUKABA

1. UN SOURCE CALLED DPO MORNING APRIL 7 TO INFORM US  
THAT UNFORTUNATE FLAP HAD OCCURRED LAST NIGHT WHEN  
NORWEGIAN FORCES WITHDREW FROM TOWN OF KAUKABA (FOUR  
KILOMETERS NORTH OF IBIL ES SAQY) AROUND MIDNIGHT  
DESPITE ORDERS FROM UNIFIL HEADQUARTERS NOT TO MOVE.  
APPARENTLY NORWEGIANS HAD BEEN THREATENED ON SEVERAL  
OCCASIONS DURING APRIL 6 BY LOCAL PALESTINIAN FORCES.  
NORWEGIAN COMMANDER EVENTUALLY DECIDED THAT SITUATION WAS  
"TOO TENSE" AND FORCES WERE WITHDRAWN.

2. AS OF MORNING APRIL 7, NORWEGIANS HAD RETURNED TO  
KAUKABA AND TAKEN UP POSITION AGAIN. UNIFIL COMMANDER  
ERSKINE IS ON HIS WAY BY HELICOPTER FROM JERUSALEM  
TO NAQOURA AND THENCE TO NORWEGIAN HEADQUARTERS TO  
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BRACE NORWEGIANS AND UNDERScore POLITICAL SENSITIVITY  
OF ANY SUCH UNAUTHORIZED MOVES.

3. IDF AWARE OF NORWEGIAN WITHDRAWAL AND HAS BEEN  
IN TOUCH WITH UN HEADQUARTERS EARLY APRIL 7 TO COMPLAIN  
ABOUT NORWEGIAN BEHAVIOR.

4. COMMENT: WITH FIRST ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM  
MARJAYOUN/ARQOUB AREA, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY TOWN OF  
KAUKABA, SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 11, THIS UNAUTHORIZED  
NORWEGIAN RETREAT, EVEN ON TEMPORARY BASIS, WAS DAMAGING  
TO UNIFIL CREDIBILITY. WE TRUST ERSKINE TALK TO  
NORWEGIANS WILL BE EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING FURTHER  
INCIDENTS LIKE THIS.  
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